

**The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 8:15 A.M., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Rooms 1F & 1G, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 a.m.

Members present: Allen Behl, Larry Bischoff, Lisa Derr, William Foley, Naomi Kriewald, Dale Macheel and James Qualmann.

Member(s) absent: None

Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, County Administrator James Mielke, Matt Peplinski with FSA, LWCD Farmland Preservationist Jon Duckert and LWCD Administrative Secretary Becky Justmann.

No public comment.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by James Qualmann to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

**Other Agency Monthly Updates**

- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) No representative in attendance.
- Farm Service Agency (FSA) Matt Peplinski  
Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 just came out. Accepting application from September 21 thru December 11, 2020. It is a little different than the first plan. They are open but closed to public coming in. CRP sign up is finishing up. 115 new contracts with 45 being CREP. 126 expiring contracts. ARCPLC program 2021 sign up starts October 1, 2020. Dairy Margin Cover program starts October 12, 2020. FSA Committee fall election ballots will go out in November. Kathy Turners last day with NRCS was last Friday.

**Rock River Coalition Presentation about Aquatic Invasive Species Agreement (AIS)**

- Rebecca Dymzarov with Rock River Coalition spoke to the committee via phone and explained their involvement and intentions with AIS. They want to be more involved in Dodge County. \$14,220.98 will be available in Dodge County through the DNR for AIS. She explained what would be involved in the AIS program. She also spoke regarding stream monitoring in Dodge County. They currently have 200 volunteers but none in Dodge County. Rebecca answered questions from the committee members.  
Motion to move by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl to engage with Rock River Coalition to obtain AIS grant money for one year. Motion carried.

**Budget Update**

- John updated the committee on the budget.

**Updates on 2020 Transect Survey**

- Jon Duckert gave details of the transect survey and how it works. There are 527 stops on the survey. He reviewed the information he gave to the committee and answered questions.

**Well Testing Update**

- UW Stevens Point has sent out the well testing letters. As of Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> they have received 69 responses from those interested in the program. They are hoping to get between 300-400 participants. Sample kits will go out in November.

**WLWCA 2021 Conference**

- Conference is scheduled for March 3-5, 2021 and will be held virtually. More information to follow.

- Giving John Bohonek Signing Authority for the Committee for CRP and CREP Contracts with FSA.
  - Matt Peplinski and John Bohonek explained why this was brought up. Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Naomi Kriewald to delegate John the authority to sign CRP and CREP contracts with FSA for the Committee. Motion carried.

#### Farmland Preservation Update on Software Development and Notice of Non-compliance

- No notices of Non-compliance.
- Few glitches with the new software regarding creating reports. They are working on it.

#### Land and Water Resource Management Program Conservation Practices update

- John reviewed the report with the committee.

#### Committee Members Report

##### Lake Sinissippi – Naomi Kriewald

- They are having strategic planning report workshops to review their 2002, 2009 and 2015 planning reports to identify areas needing follow up. Water sampling project is finished for this year. Will continue to work on the ditch maintenance clean out project. Carp removal sub-committee is working. Will be working with Kurt Wilke to do some seining. The plan is to stock Blue Gills this year. The sub-committee for Lake Property Owners/Farmer Activities work is on hold. For Geotube maintenance they will add rocks in the winter. They are going to discuss the Highway E erosion with Brian Fields.
- Beaver Dam Lake District – William Foley  
The Beaver Dam Lake level will be lowered by 7 inches starting October 9<sup>th</sup> and completed by the 15<sup>th</sup>. It will stay at that level until April when it will return to the higher level. Past reductions have occurred for a couple of weeks in April. Benefits for reducing the level for the winter months are to allow the shallow bay sediment to compact and hold in some of the phosphorus, reduce the wind-wave fetch damage to the shore and allow for additional storm water infiltration and reduce excess spring field moisture. BDLIA annual meeting was August 29, 2020 via zoom. The WDNR Lake planning grant has been submitted and is currently under review by the WDNR technical team. The Beaver Dam Lake District has completed all of the initial development required by WI statutes for filing and organization development.
- Fox Lake – Dale Macheel  
Met 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of September via zoom. Zoom meeting was hacked and had to start over. Discussion regarding how to distribute funds the Waste Water department has due to violation penalties for heavy metal discharge. Getting a quote from a new vendor for sludge removal. Will be done in the spring. Discussion continues with Prison Farm. New LED lights were installed for the alarm system on the control panels throughout the waste water system. Fox Lake cover crop program used all of the \$27,000 they had in the program. They will be looking at making some changes to next year's program. Discussion on ice fishing and keeping the lake clean. Lots of garbage left behind. Continue to discuss water lily issue in the Jug. Next meeting will be October 18, 2020.

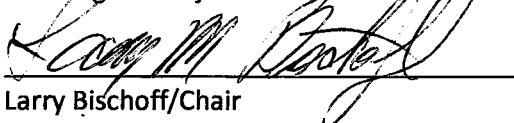
Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by James Qualmann to approve Per Diems. Motion carried.

Correction on Southern Area Association meeting. Meeting is October 29, 2020 not October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting will be held October 26, 2020 at 8:15 a.m.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by Dale Macheel to adjourn meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

  
Larry Bischoff/Chair

  
Lisa Derr/Secretary